

Harms Calls Home Rule 'Of Overriding Importance'

Home rule, providing opportunities to practice self government at the local level, has an "overriding position of importance in the democratic framework of government," the Metropolitan Civic Club was told Wednesday night.

Speaking was the club's new president, Springfield attorney Edward Harms. He was the chairman, master of ceremonies and main speaker at the Metro

Club's regular monthly dessert meeting.

The impetus for home rule in Oregon, Harms said, was the cumbersome system of cities having to go to the legislature again and again for changes in their charters. These special laws, Harms noted, "were truly staggering."

But confusion was not eliminated by adoption of city home rule in Oregon in 1906, he said.

Harms cited a series of contradictory Oregon Supreme Court decisions that gave different definitions of the legislature's authority over home rule cities.

But a 1962 ruling concerning home rule in Milwaukie may serve as a definitive guideline for the future, Harms said. This ruling said there are certain areas where local concern is predominant over the state.

This authority of home rule cities places much responsibility on the citizens in them, Harms said.

"Home rule is not a license to perpetuate ineffective government," he stated.

Instead, citizens must use it as a means to practice self-government. "While the drama underlying government is being played on the national stage, its vitality depends on local government," Harms said.

Asked if there are any deficiencies in the working of home rule cities, Harms said he is most critical of the cities' unwillingness to amend their own charter as times change.

City Masons to Seat Worshipful Master

Harold K. Lounsbury, 400 FIVE Dr., Eugene, will be installed Saturday as worshipful master of Eugene Lodge No. 11, AF and AM.

Lounsbury, who is associated with Simon-Lounsbury Mortuary, has been a Eugene businessman since 1945. He has been active in the Presbyterian Church and in a number of fraternal, civic and service activities.

Retiring worshipful master of the lodge is Claude A. Nichols, who will be one of the lodge's trustees, serving for a three-year term, after Saturday's installation.

The installation will begin at 8 p.m. at Eugene Masonic Temple, 992 Olive St., Eugene. It will be open to the public.

Other officers who will be installed are B. Ray Jordan, senior warden; Herbert R. Augustine, junior warden; Linley H. Lutz, treasurer; Jay B. Hewitt, secretary; Murray D. Adams,

senior deacon; Frank E. Marty, junior deacon; Rowe Weber, chaplain; Darwin K. Allison, marshal; Donald R. Nichols, senior steward; Harel L. Buckridge, junior steward; and Archie R. Clow, tyler.

All are Eugene residents.



HAROLD K. LOUNSBURY
Installation Set Saturday

Masonic Officers To Be Installed

Newly elected officers of McKenzie River Lodge A.F. & A.M. 195 will be installed in ceremonies tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 850 E. 14th Ave., Eugene.

Newly elected officers are Gerald Ariss, worshipful master; Ralph Petzold, senior warden; Tony Uchylli, junior warden; Dick Marshall, treasurer; Ray Barlow, secretary; Mike Carmickle, senior deacon; Arthur Brodeur, junior deacon; George Robinson, senior steward; Ivan Rinek, junior steward; Paul Agerter, chaplain, and Frank Palmer, tyler.

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McDONALD—First Space Ship on Venus, 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05. Varan the Unbelievable, 2:40, 5:40, 8:40.

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